

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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BISHOP G. R. ROSS

The year of 1985 has been an eventful one for our church with its many innovations. The dark clouds of skepticism and division that once seriously threatened our peace and tranquility have abated and we are marching on to victory, thank God. As we look in retrospect, the words of the Psalmist become a reality, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

As General Secretary of our great church it is an esteemed privilege to officially announce, to the wonderful leaders and entire membership the covenanting of the forth coming 78th Holy Convocation, November 5-14, to be held at Mason Temple and Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee. No doubt you are aware that this will be one of the greatest and most celebrated convocations in our history, with seventy-eight years of unparalleled progress.

HOLY GREETINGS IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD

We have come by faith from the gin house with Bishop Mason, our founding father, and just a handful of dedicated and spirit filled followers to a major religious body, the largest black pentecostal group in the world, boasting of in excess of three million members and property of great value throughout the world existing under the banner of Church of God in Christ.

Please observe that it is necessary in accordance with ARTICLE 3 SECTION B SUB SECTION 1 and 2 of the Manual of the Church of God in Christ that each and every jurisdiction will hold an election in the jurisdictional assembly to qualify its delegates to the General Assembly. The roster of delegates should then be forwarded to the office of the General Secretary.

The Office of General Secretary is preparing to register all delegates to the General Assembly. In order to improve the registration procedure, jurisdictional Bishops are required to file the list of certified delegates in our office as soon as possible.

Your attention is called to the fact that the administration has instituted a very beautiful plan to enhance the financial position of our church and provide the necessary funds for All Saints University and Saints Center including the downtown headquarters.

Communication will be forthcoming for all credential holders, especially pastors and churches, outlining the requirements for supporting the all out effort for All Saints University. Pastors and Churches are urged to share in raising the urgently needed funds to open the University at an early date. Of particular interest, the newly elected General Board has presented an unprecedented solidarity and pledged their support along with other national and jurisdictional officials to the Presiding Bishop and the goals of this administration. We cannot afford to fail.

Because of the continuing ongoing operational expenses of our national church, it is urgent that the balances of jurisdictional quotas be reported during this convocation. Pastors are encouraged to collect the \$6.00 per member membership report and bishops and supervisors are urged to collect the same and report along with the credential holder's report to the Office of Finance.

The first three days of the Convocation will constitute the Solemn Assembly and will be given to fasting and prayer, concluding Thursday, November 7th with a special Anointing service. Saturday, Nov. 9th, the Annual Presiding Bishop's \$100 per plate Benefit Dinner which has given thousands of dollars in scholarships to students from across the U.S., will be held at 5 P.M. at the Hilton Inn-Grande Ballroom.

Sunday November 10, High Noon, the Annual Message will be delivered by His Eminence Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson. Of special interest the Nobel Prize Winner, Bishop Tu Tu has been invited as the Special Guest for Sunday Evening service. Monday, November 11th, at 11:00 A.M. a colorful and unique communion and footwashing service will be held. During the same service, for the first time in the history of our Church, an installation service for all newly appointed bishops will be held. This is a significant change in policy from making bishops in the field. This arrangement will add a new dimension to our glorious worship service and will save a considerable amount of revenue. Tuesday, November 12th, Women's Day, Mother Mattie McGlothen, presiding. Wednesday and Thursday,

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BOOKSTORE



BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON AND SAINTS CUT THE RIBBON



MOTHER D. M. PATTERSON

The Church of God in Christ honors the late Deborah Mason Patterson for the many ways that she served our people down through the years. One of the areas in which she was most interested was music and fine arts; she was the first official pianist for the Church of God in Christ, and was active in our church's various cultural programs.

As a result, the leaders of our church felt that it was appropriate to present a memorial

concert featuring a distinguished member of the Church of God in Christ, Tenor William Brown of Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Brown has sung with orchestras throughout the United States, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. He has also sung with the Royal Philharmonic in England and the Helsinki Orchestra in Finland.

Mr. Brown has made numerous recordings and has an extensive repertoire which includes a variety of music. When he sang at the National Gallery in Washington, D. C., the Washington Post said, "He performed with the assured aplomb, the expressive colors and the personal communication of a finished singer."

The gala concert, which will be a formal occasion, will be presented Friday, November 1, at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. The concert will

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Mrs. Geraldine Miller and staff will celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Church of God in Christ Bookstore's operation.

During the November Convocation, she and the staff will happily greet all patrons with service and hearts full of love. The bookstore has worked to please the delegates to the Holy Convocation, and the saints

have purchased needed supplies, Christians literature and teaching materials for local church and personal use.

The bookstore has certainly grown during the past twelve years. At the time of its inception, many difficult days were experienced. Sister Miller and her entire family gave vital labor

to assure the continued operation. The guidance of Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, Publishing President Bishop Roy Winbush, and others made the effort easier. Only Sister Miller can make comments on the many years of sacrifice encountered, but she counts those days

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GUEST EDITORIAL

WE NEED ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY

by
Dr. Charles Smith

There are reasons to be deeply concerned as we note the moral decline of Western civilization and the forces that seem bent on our destruction.

But there are also some encouraging factors that in fairness we need to recognize and to praise God for.

In just the United States, with five percent of the world's population, there are more ordained ministers, more Bible-college students and more Christian radio stations than in all the rest of the world put together.

We use statistics like those, with justification, to urge a greater sharing of the Gosepl with the other 95 percent of the world's people, many of whom have very limited access to the message of Jesus Christ.

But how are WE going to do it? The Church of God in Christ has no Bible Colleges or radio stations. Don't you think it's time that a GREAT CHURCH like ours, also have a GREAT PURPOSE? An accomplishment like ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY would be a step in the right direction. At the present time, we are not placing any COGIC-trained ministers on the scene, nor is our voice being heard nationally in traditional COGIC manner in the ears of unbelievers.

But all those other ministers and Bible school students and Christian radio stations say something about the inclination of their people, who unlike us, generously support them with their tithes and offerings.

Our per-capita income is about as high as those other people aforementioned. We can afford to support clergymen and radio programs. We can also afford to give our youth a Bible-college education. If we decide to use a substantial part of our discretionary income in this manner, to support our own, it will say something about us. Something very encouraging.

Most of the things I read; most of the data I collect; most of the statistics I compile are about other people. That is not encouraging. A church with a membership population such as we boast of, should be in the center of religious news, nationally. We need more visibility and credibility. A university such as ASU may be a giant step in the right direction. It is appalling to know that, of all the accredited, respected, recognized Bible-college and universities in the whole-wide-world, WE HAVE NONE.

For us, a Bible College is a must. We have little or no alternative not to have one. Most of our young people are not Christian educationally oriented, not to mention the older. That can

easily be seen in UNAC. The majority of our church young people do not attend Christian education classes. They attend late-night musicals, and socialize until the wee hours of the morning. At class time they are too sleepy and tired to attend classes. And their adult parents or guardians or chaperones do not bother to awaken them-and so year after year we go on without them. What a tragedy. Why do we continue fooling ourselves calling it UNAC In Training, when the persons who are to lead our church in the future are not being trained. Proverbially, non-school environment produces a no-learning philosophy.

A university like ASU would create an atmosphere conducive to learning. It would bring to conventions young people eager to learn for future application; to enhance their future careers. They could be assigned to "sit at the feet" of some of our great teachers and give reports, etc., as part of the curriculum. Then our convention training would have to change from "having church" to Christian education; from giving an idea about something, to positive exposition. A cadre of qualified teachers, under the critical eye of a competent minister of training or dean; with a curriculum correlative to university training and church function would provide us with a reciprocal relationship in training second to none.

Other religious persuasions are reporting a great influx of young people into their churches. The majority of this influx is coming from Christian college campuses and high schools. And our children attending these schools are going with the flow, placing their faith in other persuasions, while losing faith in us.

Let's stop placing our young people "up for adoption" to other persuasions. Let's keep the children home, and make provision for them. Let's "train them up ourselves in the way they should go." We know the way far better than others. Let's make the dream of All Saints University (ASU) a reality.

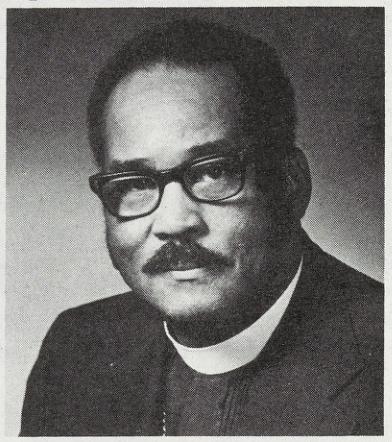
It's as if the Lord came unto me saying, "What mean ye that ye use this proverb concerning the young people of the Church of God in Christ, saying 'The fathers have filed to build All Saints University, and the children's teeth are set on edge?'

And it's as if I answered, "As you liveth, Lord, I pray that we will have no more occasion to use this proverb in the Church of God in Christ anymore!"

We can build ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY. Let's do it! If Oral Roberts can build ORU, we can build ASU!

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Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ



Dear Saints:

Over the past sixteen years, your expression of love for God and the youth of our Church has been shown in your faithful support of the Annual Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner. It has been through your generous support that over six hundred students have received scholarships from our church to continue their educational pursuits. These young people join me in tendering thanks to all of you for your expression of concern.

The Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner has become one of the highlights of the Holy Convocation. Hundreds of the Lord's people anxiously anticipate this gala affair and the opportunity it provides for wholesome social fellowship as well as a time to show benevolence through generating funds for our youth.

Considering the rapidly escalating cost of higher education, I pray that others will catch the vision and join you and me at the affair this year. For your convenience in reserving a table for you and your family or friends, I am enclosing a reservation form for the dinner which will be held this year at the Hilton Hotel, Saturday afternoon, November 9, 1985, at 4:00 o'clock. The dinner has been moved up one hour so that there will be ample time for the telethon to be held in support of All Saints University later that evening.

The reservations are one hundred dollars per person and full payment should be sent with the reservation form; however, a minimum deposit of \$25.00 per person will be accepted. Since seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis, I urge you to send your reservation today to:

**The Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner
Post Office Box 320
Memphis, TN 38101**

Thank you again for your generosity and may God bless you bountifully.

Your Chief-servant,



**J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop**

NATIONAL NEWS

MASON BIBLE COLLEGE GETS NEW DIRECTOR

News release from the desk of the National Executive Director of The Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges.

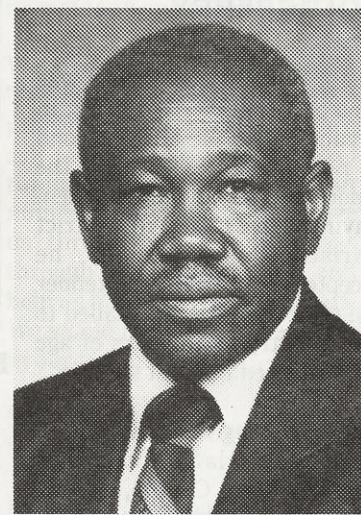
This is to share with you throughout the brotherhood as the Executive Director of the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges, my aspirations, hopes, desires, and goals for the restructuring and upgrading of our educational system. My aim is that we keep in step with the high standards of our ecclesiastical body. My goal also is to encourage everyone who deems it necessary to prepare to meet the onslaught of the enemy through our efforts as we uphold our Bible-based doctrine, strengthening our stakes everywhere.

I'd like to pay tribute to our past Director of the system, Dr. A. J. Hines, who served untiringly. The job accomplished by Dr. Hines set the tone that will aid us in reaching a higher plateau.

Our thanks also go to Mrs. Mary Hines who stood by her husband, Dr. Hines, in this great work.

All Deans are commended for the jobs done at their respective campuses. I also commend the Board of Regents and members of the system everywhere and graciously open my arms to all who care to come.

I express my appreciation to our Chancellor and Founder of the system, our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, and the General Board for their trust and confidence shown me. I also endeavor by the help of God, with the support personnel as we work for the enrichment of those who have a mind to prepare themselves as I work to merit this great trust.



BISHOP N. JONES

I take this privilege and opportunity to welcome aboard all sincere ambassadors for the betterment of this ministry.

Searching for a better way to accomplish the task assigned to my hands, I ask your prayers and support as we reach for higher heights in Kingdom building.

Our generation following is looking to us for guidance and now is our chance to "man the fort" and raise the "Victory flag" for Christ by getting our learning, while keeping our burning.

Your servant in Christ,

Nathaniel Jones, Jr.
Bishop, Pastor,
and Executive Director
of C. H. Mason System
of Bible Colleges

Do not fail to register as a delegate during the convocation and receive your copy. The booklet is an integral part attending the Holy Convocation. Make this 78th Holy Convocation the greatest ever and may God bless every saint.

SOUVENIR BOOKLET ANNOUNCEMENT

Convocation souvenir booklets are completed and the co-editors, the Elder Howard Quillen and Dr. H. Murphy, wish to thank all the fine bishops, pastors and saints who contributed to the booklet.

HOSPITAL FUND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Fellow Christians:

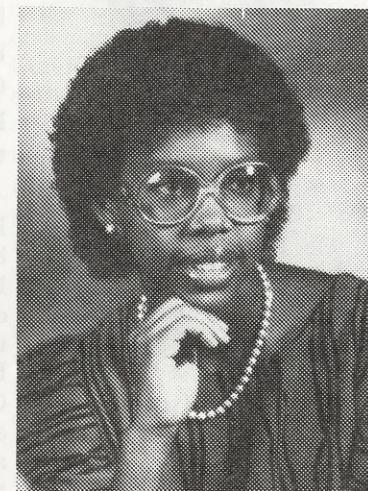
The Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund has been in effect for over 12 years and has been a financial blessing to many of God's people.

I am very enthusiastic about the New and increased Benefits in the Fund. Every one should take advantage of the SPECIAL ENROLLMENT OFFER with the introduction of the new "Major Medical Plan #1-B" and

increased room under Plan #3, 3A, 3B & 3C.

The primary objective of the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund shall be to aide, assist, and accommodate in the dissemination of Christian service. The Church is obligated to make provision for such circumstances, this would seem to be in line with Christ's teaching. The Lord stated that care for the sick or the failure to do so is a matter that would be taken in the

GLOVER WINS



MS. D. K. GLOVER

Ms. Daphne Kaye Glover won the Oratorical competition during UNAC-5 in Miami Beach. Competition director, Elder O. Theodore Massey of Philadelphia, was happy to announce the successful contest between the young, eager students of college age.

The judges listened daily to the contestants vie for the large cash awards to help continue their education. First place went to Sister Daphne Glover of Bloomington, Illinois. This fine young lady attends the Tougaloo College and is a pre-med major. While in high school, Daphne was co-captain of her speech team, a member of the Student Council and Speech clubs, and a honor student. She ranked in the top 7% of her graduating class. Her church and community activities are notable. She served as a volunteer hospital worker, a member of the youth choir, church violinist and a member of the state choir. This most outstanding young woman was joined in competition by other equally progressive sanctified young people. Second place went to Mr. Joseph Breaux of Lafayette, Louisiana, and third place was taken by Ms. Sharoline Walker.

The Charles H. Mason Foundation is vitally concerned about the best sanctified students being put into position to achieve. The cash awards won in the competitions should help provide a great push toward success. The cash awards were \$2,000, \$1,800 and \$1,400 to the winners.

The entire staff of the foundation hopes that next year's participants will do as well. Lastly, academic achievement is totally in line with getting one's learning and keeping one's burning.

consideration on the day of judgment (Matt. 25:36-43). For these reasons, it would seem that the church should seek to make provision for her members when they have medical needs.

The Hospital Fund is one of Bishop Patterson's dreams come true, to aid God's people during time of illness.

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1985 MISS UNAC

by
Shirley L. Davenport

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."
Proverbs

Congratulations Miss UNAC '85! the proud and deserving queen crowned this year was the beautiful Miss Jeanetta Davis, 25 years, of Opelousas, La. A dedicated young woman of the "Emmanuel Church of God in Christ", serving under the pastorate of Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush!

The pageant was well coordinated under the direction of Mrs. Mae Winbush and company, and proved to be quite rewarding with its spiritual overtone! Each contestant was a portrait of beauty in her own exquisite "white gown"! There was a formal introduction of contestants, followed by modeling and talent presentations, and the final walk and farewell of Miss UNAC '84!

First runner up: Michele Ellis, 22 years, New York, is serving under the pastorate of Norman N. Quick. Her jurisdictional Bishop is F. D. Washington. Michele smiles triumphantly and says: I really want to be an example to other Christian young ladies!

Katrina Cockeran, 21 years, was 2nd runner up, and serves under Bishop Samuel Green. She is from Redford, Va., and Elder Ronald Watson is her pastor. Katrina was glad she entered this contest because she really got a chance to meet other saints! 3rd runner up, Sonya Jackson, 21 years, is from Charleston, S. C., and serves under the leadership of Elder William A. Prileau. Representing the

Southeastern jurisdiction, Bishop Johnnie J. Johnson is her Bishop. Ms. Jackson was "first prize" winner in the talent contest! She was tremendously impressive as she performed in a touching drama entitled: "The Backbiter"! Ms. Jackson says: I was as calm as a cucumber! As a holy young woman, I took steps in this competition because it's wholesome, character building!

The New Miss UNAC, Miss Jeanetta Davis, stood elegantly, graciously holding a beautiful bunch of roses; was quite delighted to become the new queen! Representing the Western La. jurisdiction, Jeanetta "wants to encourage young people to delight themselves in the Lord. For he will surely give you the desires of your heart"!

She says: This was a great opportunity to meet other young ladies, and even though we may be competing, we are all winners in God's sight!

Ms. Davis is a very attractive young woman with a B.S., in Business Administration. She is an executive secretary, working in the Layfayette District Women's Department, and serves as secretary for her pastor, Bishop Winbush. Jeanetta has a deep desire to encourage young people that "holiness is right, and you can live saved if you want to"!

She leaves final instructions for any young woman seeking to become successful in life: "Participate in your church activities; take advantage of what the church has to offer; the world will always offer sinful things, but if you put God first, choose right and eternal life, YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL!"



BLAKE APPOINTED

Dr. Charles E. Blake, pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ, was appointed to the bishopric of the church. During a special call meeting on July 25, 1985, Bishop J. O. Patterson, presiding prelate of the church, appointed Dr. Blake bishop designate. Dr. Blake, 44, will be consecrated at a later date.

Dr. Blake will succeed his father, the late Bishop J. A. Blake, who died last November. His passing shocked the convocation which was electing her international leadership. Dr. Blake will be prelate of Southern California's

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS HONORED

In November, 1984, the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ, unanimously elected Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Sr., to an unprecedented third term, as Chairman of the Board of Bishops. Never before in the 78 year history of the Church has such a milestone been accomplished.

Therefore, when National newspapers, U.S.A. TODAY, revealed that the Church of God in Christ is the fifth (5th) largest religious organization in America and Canada, it made the Saints of North Carolina particularly proud. The results of their statistical findings indicated our Church has a membership of 3.7 million, which served to put the Chairman's re-election in a more enlightened perspective.

The "Chairman's Banquet" held on Friday, June 14th honored Bishop J. H. Sherman for his accomplishments and achievements. Members of the Board of Bishops, Governmental Officials, various denominational leaders, both N. C. Jurisdictions, the members of the Bishop's Churches and friends from all over the Country attended, to recognize the contributions of a Great Leader.

Bishop Sherman is not only well-respected in the Church of God in Christ, but he is held in very high esteem by the leaders of North Carolina. For example, he maintains a 10 year personal and professional friendship with the Republican Governor of the State, who inducted the Bishop into the ORDER OF THE LONG-LEAF PINE (the highest honor receivable by a private citizen in N.C.) at the Banquet.

Bishop holds the distinct honor of being one of only 10 minorities (in NC History) to ever receive the HONORARY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARD.

June 14th in Charlotte-Mecklenburg is proclaimed J. HOWARD SHERMAN DAY by both the Mayor, City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. This year's Proclamation marked an unprecedented 12 year tradition of honoring the Bishop.

Bishop was interviewed on the Award-winning Talk Show-Top of the Day (WBTV). At that time, the J. HOWARD SHERMAN Scholarship Foundation was highlighted for its contributions in helping over 35 young people receive a college education. The Bishop is the Scholarship Foundation's Founder and Principal Donor.

The Bishop's efforts towards the City's homeless and hungry was discussed with particular attention and interest given to the "Feeding the 500" Program and the "Fifty for Fifty" Program, both provided food and clothing to the needy, with no public service assistance or aid. "The Feeding the 500" Program was the largest citywide effort on record, sponsored by a nongovernmental agency.

The largest Gospel radio Station in the area, WQCC, featured "IMPRESSIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN", the entire week of June 10-14, in which guest Bishops of the Church expressed their impressions of the Chairman. The Station Manager and Owner, provided this highlight of the Bishop because of the positive influence he has had upon the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community. Featured Bishops: L. T. Walker - Vice-Chairman - Board of Bishops, W. L. Porter - Banquet Chairman and National Supt. of Properties, C. D. Owens - General Board Member, F. D. Washington - Banquet Speaker and Second Administrative Assistant to the Presiding Bishop and L. E. Willis - Chairman-General Assembly

The Banquet was perhaps the most touching and inspiring we have ever experienced. As the guests sat and heard the Bishops and other Leaders talk about the Chairman and his accomplishments, they too, received a personal Charge to a higher calling of Commitment and dedication.

Bishop W. L. Porter, the Banquet Toastmaster, hosted the evening's activities in the style that we have all grown accustomed. The Banquet Speaker and Orator, Bishop F. D. Washington, was true to form. Bishop Washington, the first man to introduce Bishop Sherman to preach (his trial sermon), spoke so eloquently about the character, struggle, courage and wisdom of the Chairman. There were moments during Bishop Washington's Address that one could literally see people "hanging on his every word".

Special highlights of the evening included a Special Video Presentation entitled "WHO IS BISHOP J. H. SHERMAN?"



BISHOP J. H. SHERMAN

created and directed by L. Diane Bennett. This Presentation graphically depicted the style, person and purpose of the late Bishop in a manner, seldom seen. Many guests were unable to refrain from tears, especially the Honoree.

In addition, to the Awards, Proclamations and Inductions received, Bishop and Mrs. Sherman were also presented with the Deed of Trust to Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ-PAID IN FULL, from the Chief Loan Officer of Mutual Savings and Loan Company. Needless to say, this portion of the Program found everyone present on their feet in a thunderous celebration of applause of praise and gratitude to God and His Man Servant. Bishop was extremely touched because this task had been completed two years ahead of schedule and done while completing the \$75,000 renovation project, which was done without borrowing any money from any person or institution. This was quite an accomplishment. Pentecostal Temple which is one city block of property is valued at over one half million dollars and is an outstanding representation of the Church of God in Christ in this area.

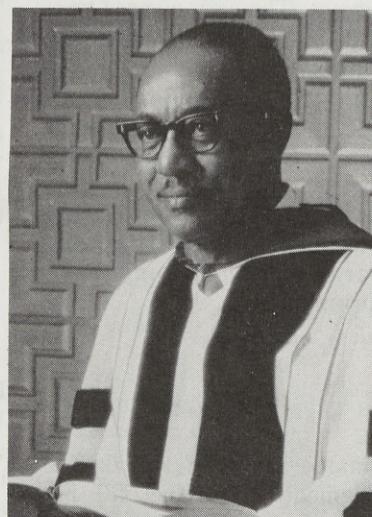
Governor Martin stated: "The People of North Carolina owe you (Bishop Sherman) so much.

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BISHOP DELL PIONEER

As a fifteen year old boy, Bishop Dell attended the first service of the Holiness Church held in the community where he lived. It was at this church where he heard the first "Holiness Song", the first prayer, and the reading of the first scripture in the Holiness Church. At the tender age of sixteen, God saved him and later called him to the ministry. Bishop Dell preached out his first mission at the age of eighteen. He preached out the Crisp Street Church of God in Christ in Macon Georgia. At the age of twenty one, he was ordained. He preached a mission at Danville, and the First Church of God in Christ in Soperton at the age of twenty four. He was appointed the Superintendent of the Augusta District at the age of twenty four. He subsequently preached out missions at Ailey, Lyons, and Uvalda Georgia.

He served as State Chairman of the Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop Riley F.



BISHOP J. HOWARD DELL

Williams from 1934, until 1938, and served as Corresponding Secretary from 1940 until 1948. He pioneered in the ministry on radio and television. He was the first black minister to broadcast his church services by remote control in Macon. He was the first black minister to televise

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ALLEN: NEW PASTOR

REFLECTIONS OF THE NEW PASTOR WILLIAM H. ALLEN WHO SUCCEEDED THE LATE BISHOP H. W. GOLDSBERRY



ELDER AND MRS. ALLEN

Pastor William Henry Allen was born on November 3rd, 1932, in Bryan, Texas. He is the second of nine children, born to the union of R. L. and Ellen Allen. Having been raised in a strict Christian environment he accepted the Lord at the tender age of sixteen. He was called to the ministry at 18 years of age and preached his first sermon.

After receiving his education in Texas he later attended Kennedy-King College, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago State University, and is a graduate of Governors State University.

As God continued to bless the ministry of Pastor Allen, he later met his lovely wife and constant companion, Sis. Wylonn Jordan Allen. Like her husband, Sis. Allen was raised in a Christian family where both parents, Superintendent S. A. Jordan and Missionary Jordan, instilled the word of God into twelve children. Her sister, Sara Jordan Powell, continues to inspire countless thousands all over the nation as she sings to the glory of God!

In reflecting on his marriage, Pastor Allen acknowledged that when he first saw his wife, it was love at first sight! Although two years went by without seeing Sis. Jordan again, he was confident that God would bring her back into his life. His faith in God proved itself, for it was later that Sis. Wylonn Jordan returned into his life, and after a period of engagement, they were united in Holy Matrimony in 1953.

Following the leading of the Lord, he and his wife came to Chicago and joined Robert's Temple Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop William Roberts. God blessed this couple with six lovely children. The eldest daughter, China, presently resides in California and is a graduate of the University of Illinois. The eldest son, William Jr., attended Mary Holmes College; Winston Michael is a graduate of the College of Automatic Transmission; Wychelle Debbie is a graduate in speech Communications. Wendrick Anthony attended Olive-Harvey College. The youngest daughter, Wandria Pamela is presently a student at Heritage Bible College in California.

Pastor Allen continued in the Lord as a preacher, a devoted husband, and a father. In 1954, he was ordained by Bishop Roberts and sat under the late Rev. Edgar J. Duncan's ministry. Shortly thereafter, was led by God to become a member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, where the late Bishop H. W. Goldsberry was pastor. Bishop Goldsberry recognized the obedience and faithfulness of Rev. Allen and in 1959, appointed him as assistant Pastor of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. He served

under Dad Goldsberry for 25 years. Prior to his homegoing, Bishop Goldsberry commented to the church that it was his desire for Elder Allen to become pastor.

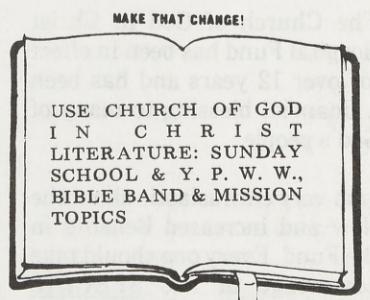
After Bishop Goldsberry's death, Eld. Allen was accepted unanimously by the entire church. God has given him to successfully continue in the Faith Ministry of the late founder and pastor. The church is growing and numerous souls have been added.

Having a desire to do a greater work for the Lord, he and his wife returned to school in pursuit of additional education. As a team, they prayed together, studied together, and graduated from college together. Presently, Sis. Allen is using her teaching abilities at a Chicago Christian School. In commenting on her close relationship with her husband, Sis. Allen contends that she feels a wife should be involved in every facet of her husband's ministry.

In addition to accompanying Pastor Allen to the nursing homes, and hospitals, Sis. Allen is involved in the Cook County Jail Ministry, at all church shut-ins, assisting the Radio Ministry, and numerous other ministries of the church. Having been married for 31 years, they continue to love and support each other to further God's plans for their lives.

Presently, Pastor Allen is the shepherd of one of the largest churches in the Church of God in Christ. In addition to the Radio Ministry, it is his desire to someday have a television ministry nationwide to win souls to Christ, and establish a Christian Elementary and High School.

Pastor William H. Allen is a man of God with a vision for God's people as he leads Faith Temple on to Victory!!



JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

ALABAMA

My heart is inditing a good matter...Psalm 45:1

Greetings to the Saints of God in Christ Jesus:

The pastor and members of First Church of God in Christ (Mobile) are thanking God for all His blessings He has bestowed upon us here. Once again, we would like to extend to you a warm and cordial welcome to visit all of our services.

At this writing, our vocal praise in thanksgiving to God, for allowing us to meet again. Missionary Evangelist Eddie F. Southerland, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was with us in revival. The revival session was held on July 8th through July 12th, 1985. This one week revival did not suffice us. We earnestly await her return visit. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

This writer is still memorized with some of Elder Southerland's messages...his high-spirited songs, "He makes sweet melodies in my heart," still rings within my heart. Thank you for coming and we all await, eagerly, for your return.

Until you read from us again, may God's love, abundantly shine in your life.

1st Church of God in Christ
Eld. John H. West, Pastor
Sis. Edwina Pope, Church Reporter '85

GEORGIA

We the people of Miracle Valley send greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We would like for you to know what the saints are doing here at Miracle Valley in Dalton, Georgia.

I would like to begin by telling you why the church is called Miracle Valley. It is located in a flat area, and a lot of wonderful miracles have happened here. We are a prayer believing few saints. We know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever more; he will work through those who let Him work.

The Lord is really blessing us. We have seen some miracles. These are just a few of the many that have happened. A woman that was crippled put her crutches down and has been walking on her own feet. Our own dear church mother, Mother Lou Rainey Edwards, has been a great inspiration to us. The Lord has brought her through a serious life or death operation. She is back in church now, lifting and praising the Lord as never before. The Lord is really blessing her. She is in her 70's and does not look like it at all. Another miracle happened for us. Our pastor, Elder C. H. Carson, had a stroke recently and was paralyzed. Thanks be to God and the pray-

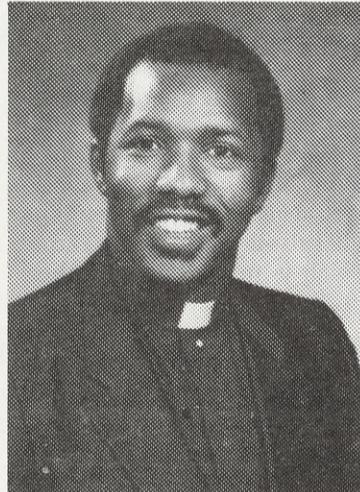
ers of the saints everywhere, he has fully recovered the use of his arms and leg. The doctors were amazed at how quickly he recovered after being so severely stricken. Our pastor is truly a man of faith and believes in God.

We are building on the church. The Lord is laying it on other people's hearts to help us. We ask for your prayers as we go through this. We are small in number, but God is going to see us through. If you ever pass through this way, stop in and help us lift up the name of Jesus. We would truly love to have you in our town.

Sister Wilma Bonds,
Secretary

Elder C. H. Carson,
Pastor

MISSISSIPPI



ELDER DAVID WESLEY

Revival in the truest sense of the word came to Mount Moriah Church of God in Christ in Mendenhall, Miss., during the third week of July. Conducted by the Elder Daniel Wesley of Brookhaven, Miss., the services were electrifying from start to finish. The Holy Ghost nullified the idea that there must be a "low night" in each revival as each night He lifted the Saints higher and higher in his love and power. Elder Wesley, President of the Evangelistic Dept., in Southern Mississippi, where the

Bishop Theo Davis is Prelate, set the tone of the services by admonishing the members of the audience that "What You Say is What you Get." Using the scripture, Mark 11:13b which says... "but (whosoever) shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith." The evangelist cautioned against negative articulations if one is to have a fruitful walk with the Lord. The response to this uplifting message through genuine praise and glorification of Jesus Christ left no doubt in the hearts of believers that true revival was in progress. Fruit began to take shape. Souls were saved. Holy Ghost fire was rekindled. Testimonies were reestablished. Backsliders returned to the true and living God.

It should be mentioned that the Saints of Mount Moriah prepared themselves for this nightly outpour of latter rain by assembling in prayer each morning at 9:00 a.m., and each night the Holy Ghost, through Elder C. H. Carson, had a stroke recently and was paralyzed. Thanks be to God and the pray-

ers. Wesley, filled their prepared cups. Groups from various denominations as well as within COGIC itself attended consistently, as this capable evangelist offered a smorgasbord of spiritual delicacies; including preaching, Bible exposition, prayer of deliverance, and the list continues. Basing his message on I Chronicles 4:9, 10, Elder Wesley finished his course of ministering for the week by reminding listeners that they, like Jabez, could enlarge their coasts if they would but request it. They could, he stated, experience a name change from that of sorrow to that of rejoicing, simply by making Jesus their choice.

Certainly the members of Mount Moriah as well as all who were touched by the anointed service of Evangelist Daniel Wesley can testify to a special blessing.

OKLAHOMA

The New Life Youth Camp has once again completed a successful session. New Life Youth Camp was held August 5-9, 1985, at the Quartz Mountain State Park, located in the southwest portion of Oklahoma.

During the week of camp, the children participated in many activities such as volleyball games, horseback riding, swimming, arts and craft, roller skating and go cart riding. They also attended sessions on the Return of Christ; Is the time at Hand, How to Deal With Peer Pressure, Setting Goals and It's Okay To Say No.

Thursday was highlighted as Family and Friends Day. This day was full of outside activities such as relay races, tug of war, obstacle course, and sack races. Many parents joined us and were able to participate with their children in many of the activities.

This year's camp session hosted 86 children, 12 counselors and 2 assistant directors, Rev. Lonnie Williams of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Mrs. Lynn Powell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The organizer and director is Elder James W. Powell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pastor of New Life Church of God in Christ.

New Life Youth Camp was developed so that children would have an opportunity to participate in a week of summer fun and wholesome Christian fellowship and interaction with their peers.

Submitted by:
Lynn P. Powell

BISHOP J. HOWARD DELL: PIONEER

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his church services in Albany by contact with a television station. He was appointed Overseer of the Northern Georgia Jurisdiction by the late Bishop Mason on April 17, 1948. During the National Convocation of 1952, Bishop Mason consecrated Bishop W. G. Shipman. While

ARKANSAS

61ST ANNIVERSARY

Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Little Rock, Arkansas, observed its 61st Church Anniversary during the month of June. The dynamic Bishop L. T. Walker, First Jurisdiction of Arkansas, was the speaker.

The church was started in 1924, by Elder and Mrs. Leroy Malone, Mrs. Ella Jackson, and Mrs. Easter Madlock. Elder Leroy Malone served as the first pastor.

The church was first named "Center Mission," and in 1945, during Bishop Jones' administration, the church was renamed Holy Temple Church of God in Christ.

The first convert of this church was Mrs. Linnie Mae Harrison.

Some of the previous pastors of this great church were Elder Charles Nicks, *Bishop L. C. Page, and *Bishop Minor Jones.

The church is now under the pastorage of Superintendent L. C. Dade.

This church has been a beacon of light in the community. Many of our renowned leaders of the Church of God in Christ have been saved at Holy Temple. Among them are: Bishop L. T. Walker, First Jurisdiction of Arkansas; Bishop G. R. Ross, General Secretary COGIC;

*Mrs. Earnestine Washington, Elder John W. Harrison, the Second Administrative Assistant to Bishop Walker; Mrs. Mattie Jones, District Missionary; Elder Raymond Savage, State Mission Department; Mrs. Dorothy Jones Edwards, Noted Musician, and many others who are outstanding in the Church of God in Christ.

Superintendent L. C. Dade, pastor, is launching a renovation program for the edifice and exhorted the church as the apostle Paul addressed the Galatians (5:1), "Stand fast therefore in liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

During the anniversary, sponsored by Mrs. Annie Jones and Mrs. Bernice S. Haymon, four pioneers of the church were honored and given plaques. They were: Mrs. Linnie Mae Harrison, Mrs. Annie Jones, Elder William Harrison, and Mr. Will Lee. These pioneers have been saved for over fifty years.

Holy Temple Church of God in Christ is a monument of much sacrifice and prayer.

*denotes deceased persons

Reporters
Mrs. Bernice S. Haymon
and Mrs. Dorothy Barton



PIONEERS—HOLY TEMPLE COGIC, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Seated Left to Right: Mrs. Annie Jones, Mrs. Mattie Jones, and Mrs. Idabella Lee; Standing Left to Right: Elder W. M. Harrison, Supt. L. C. Dade, pastor, Mr. Will Lee

consecrating Bishop Shipman, he placed his right hand on Bishop Shipman, and his left hand on Bishop Dell. On October 15, 1954, Bishop Mason consecrated Bishop Dell in the presence of the late Bishop C. L. Anderson, Bishop W. M. Morris of Wisconsin, and the Chairman, Bishop Williams.

Under the leadership of Bishop Dell, a state headquarters has been established at 1583 Westhaven Drive, S.W., Atlanta. He conducts a morning devotional

service on the A.I.B. Cable Network channel eight, Monday through Friday at 9:00 A.M. He also televises his church services on the same cable network from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. every Sunday morning, and presents a series entitled "The Men of God" each Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Evelyn E. Mosley, Secretary



WOMEN'S PAGE

HONOR THEM WHO LABOR

Greetings from South East Illinois Church of God in Christ. District # 6. Elder Carl Prude serving as District Superintendent.

Missionary Lisha Parker has been selected as the 1985 GOLD MEDAL AWARD WINNER for Barnes Hospital. Missionary Parker is a 20 year veteran as a custodian in the Housekeeping Department at Barnes Hospital.

Lisha was chosen because of her long term service in the community through various charitable organizations, also for her work within her church and the community to bring food and clothing to the needy.

Missionary Parker is a member of the Bride of Christ, Church of God in Christ. She serves faithfully in both her local church and her Jurisdiction, also is a District Missionary of District # 6.

Her special guest attending an AWARDS LUCHEON on June 19, 1985, were Bishop Lemuel N. Moore; Jurisdictional Bishop - South East Illinois, Mother Jean Scott; Jurisdictional Supervisor



MISSIONARY L. PARKER

- Women's Department, her work Supervisor, Departmental Head and Administrator. Missionary Parker was chosen from 12 candidates who were nominated by their co-workers. May GOD righteously Bless Missionary Parker for her unselfish and dedicated service to GOD and mankind.

Supervisor Jean Scott, Department of Women
South East Illinois Jurisdiction
Missy. Lillian Embrey, Reporter

SUBJECT: PRAYER IS THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEMS NOW!

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There are seven (7) things that we must do when we start our praying and fasting.

(1) BE BOLD IN PRAYER AND WITHOUT MANY WORDS: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrew 4:16, Matthew 6:7.

(2) PRAY IN CONFIDENCE: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24.

(3) PRAY OFTEN: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Psalms 55:17, Daniel 6:10.

(4) PRAY EARNESTLY AND WITHOUT CEASING: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16, I Thess. 5:17.

(5) PRAY WITHOUT DOUBTING AND HAVE FAITH: With a forgiving spirit; "And Jesus answering saith unto them HAVE FAITH IN GOD. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have an ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

(6) BE INSTANT IN PRAYER:



EVANGELIST M. E DUNN

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality."

(7) ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL: "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." I John 5:14-15.

"God said my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." Isa. 56:7b

"But unto thee, have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee." Ps. 88:13.

As I have been studying the Bible quite a while about prayer; I have found one prayer recorded in the Bible, that was prayed by a woman. The prayer of Hannah: "She spake in her heart; only her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she had been drunken." Her prayer was answered. I Sam. 1:20.

As women we know we are supposed to pray; "For Jesus, said, that men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke 18:1-8.

I found many places where women were involved; in prayer meetings and God was in the midst of them; and he heard their prayers, also answered them: for that I will ever praise the Lord.

"Sarah's maid, Hagar, and her son was cast out of Abraham's house; and they wandered in the wilderness, and the water gave out; and she said, let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and God answered sending an angel, because of the voice of the lad..." But remember she also lifted up her voice. Genesis 21:12-21.

In the book of Esther, "There was a conversation going on between two (2) people; Mordecai and Queen Esther, who, when her father and mother died, he took her for his own daughter. There was great mourning, fasting, weeping, and wailing among the Jews. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes because of the letter that was sent out into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews. He wanted her to go in unto the king, to make supplication, also a request for her people. Esther said, all the people know; whosoever goeth before the king, man or woman, who is not called, will be put to death. Mordecai said unto Esther, who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? And Esther answered, go gather all the people and you fast for me, three (3) days and nights, and I will go before the king and if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:1-17

"When the disciples, and Jesus's brethren, his mother, and the other women were with them; they were all praying with one accord, and supplication to God for the promise of the Holy Ghost." Acts 1:13-14

"Paul and Silas, came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying come over and help us. And immediately they went to that city; and on the sabbath they went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and they sat down, and spake unto the women which was there." Acts 16:8-13

Many times we read where Paul, commanded and sent greetings and salutations, to women who helped him and others in the Gospel. Romans 16:1-21

But there is one thing that

stands out in my mind. Why are all the great prayers of supplication and intercession, made by men? There are many mysteries in the Bible, and man will never find them out, especially me. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it." Romans 11:33-36, Eccl. 8:16-17

God is yet calling for men to stand up and answer for their stewardship as an under shepherd. Also the head of the woman. I Peter 5:1-4, John 21:15-17, I Cor. 11:1-3

I don't profess to know everything, and especially about the Bible, but the spirit that is in me gives me to know, and to understand, that God has a plan for each one of us. I am sure of His will and plan in my life, and that is, to teach His people His truth from the Bible, and to pray for them. This I will do until Jesus' come, according to His will and purpose.

YOUR DECISION

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:32-42

What is idolatry? Idolatry is anything that comes between you and God.

Joshua told his people that their

HOSPITAL FUND Continued from page 3

This program was officially adopted by the General Assembly in Memphis, TN, on November 12, 1969, making it possible for this certificate to be issued evidencing certain benefits for the people as listed in the Articles of Administration that govern the Fund.

There will be representatives in the booth to serve you during every convention. You should see one of our Representative's and enroll now to receive these liberal benefits from the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund immediately.

Yours in His service
Bishop E. Harris Moore
Chairman

DR. BLAKE APPOINTED

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the honorary doctorate from the California School of Theology in Glendale, California.

Dr. Blake is the pastor of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ which has a membership of over 2,000. He was currently listed as one of Ebony Magazine's "15 Greatest Preachers in America".

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS HONORED

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For you have provided an

nation would suffer eternal death. He said, "You must make your decision today; you must decide whether you want to serve the idols of this life, or the Living God. Choose you this day." Joshua 24:15-18, Exodus 20:3

What about you? Are you taking a stand with Joshua? No matter what the cost? I am asking you to choose this day whom you will serve. Our families cannot choose Christ for us, our friends cannot do it for us, God is a great God, even He can't make the decision for us, He can help, but only you can decide. We have to make our own choice. So, if you will pray with me to God, and ask Him to help us in our decision making, I (know) believe He will. For God said in His word: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

Dear God, take everything away from me, that's not like You, that I may completely, and undividedly serve Thee with all my heart. In Jesus Name, I pray...Amen.

Jehosaphat prayed for deliverance, "The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jehaziel, and he said, listen to me, thus saith the Lord, be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's...IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR GOD? II Chro. 20:15, Jer. 32:26-27

Evangelist Mary E. Dunn, Reporter

answer and a basis of hope, through your Ministry, for the millions of this State, who otherwise, would not have had one."

Bishop L. E. Willis so adeptly summed all of our feelings in the following manner: "Bishop Sherman is a Man of God, who gets leading and direction from God. He is misunderstood at times but one can never, ever misunderstand his loyalty and dedication to the Church..."

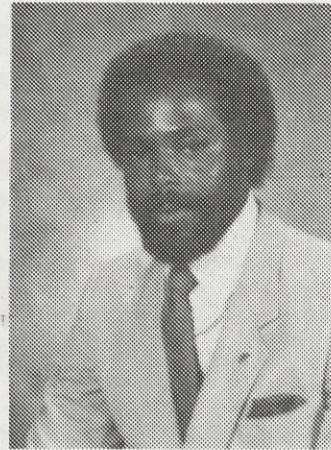
June 14th was also the Chairman's 62nd Birthday and on behalf of all of the Members of Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ (Charlotte and Florence) and members of the Church of God in Christ in all of North Carolina, we would like to express our gratitude to the Presiding Bishop, J. O. Patterson, members of the Board of Bishops and National Officers who helped us salute our Pastor and Bishop - May God richly bless each of you.

HUMBLY,

L. DIANE BENNETT

WITNESS PAGE

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION



ELDER BARNES

In the book of II Timothy, Paul said that in the last days perilous times shall come. The word "perilous" means dangerous, unstable or shaky. We're experiencing these times right now, they're here, today. They hover over us haunting, threatening, and breathing the cold breath of destruction and fear upon us. If God does not sovereignly intervene, this world will fall and the very foundations of the universe will be shaken. The powers of evil and lawlessness are stirred and men are succumbing to the pressing passions of their minds. Their calloused spirits and hardened hearts have become their own cursed chambers of extermination.

The Lord in His Holy Word first gives a command to those of us that are redeemed to go out into the highways and hedges and compel men to come in, that my house may be filled. Then secondly God reveals Himself as the father of all the universe and He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28

It became self-evident that I somehow with the help of God, must make my way to the Holy Convocation last year. In spite of all odds, I felt there was a special blessing there for me. I accepted the challenge and stepped out in faith and as expected God made the way. I arrived late Tuesday evening and on Wednesday afternoon while browsing in the COGIC Bookstore and talking to passer's-by, I noticed a young man that seemed interested in what I had to say to others. Finally we addressed each other and exchanged names. After a few moments of conversation he asked me "Would you like to come to Trinidad?" That's where it began.

This was to be my first experience in the foreign fields since my call to full time evangelism five years ago. With great anticipation and expectation I boarded the 727 jet in Miami headed for the islands of the Caribbean. The things I experienced the next few days were "eye opening," startling and informative. Christopher Columbus had landed here in 1498, (once called Lere, Land of the Humming Bird, by the Amerin-

dians) naming the island and claiming it for the Spanish Crown. For the next thirty days I was scheduled to minister here in the capital city, Port of Spain, the country's main port and bustling center of government, commerce and communication. The city comprises all ethnic groups and the mixtures that result from an intimately integrated society. The religious convictions of the people are just as diverse: Christians, Hindu, Moslem, as well as a large group of Baptists, Pentecostals and numerous other sects, including worshippers of Shango and other African deities. English is the official language, spoken with a lilt that is typical Trinidadian.

Rev. Dennis Vincent, pastor of Garden of Prayer for All Nations Deliverance Center Inc., welcomed me in his home and heart and after meeting his lovely wife and three children, I became a native. I ate, slept, lived and thought as a native. Having to give up many of the so called "luxuries" of life that we as Americans enjoy, I experienced eating foods not familiar to my taste buds, taking cold showers as there was no hot water unless you boiled it. I was slowly being eaten alive I thought by the flies, mosquitoes, and the heat (no air-conditioning). The constant howling of dogs and crowing of roosters all night made it almost impossible to sleep at night. God had sent me to this country to minister to the needs of his people. It was a mystery even to Pastor Vincent as to why he had chosen me out of many request to come at this particular time. It was "Carnival" time in Trinidad. The "season" begins immediately after New Year's and runs until Ash Wednesday.

It is a festival of music and song, dance, drama and the most elaborate costumery to be seen anywhere. Main performers are hundreds of calypsonians offering nightly renditions of their season's songs in makeshift concert halls known as tents, thousands of pan-men practicing in panyards for the Panorama steelband competition, and thousands more mask-makers and masqueraders preparing their presentations and costumes for the two-day spectacle which culminates this hectic season.

I was asked by a young Hindu woman that was interviewing me on Trinidad's only television station why I had come to Trinidad at "carnival time"? My answer was to try to reach the lost souls there, especially the young people, that would no doubt be damaged, marred, scared or even killed as a result of carnival. Approximately 40% of the population is under age 18. Even some of the members of Garden of Prayer questioned their pastor as to "why another American evangelist?" We need teaching not a lot of hollering and carrying on.

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ONE BAPTISM MANY FILLINGS

One Sunday night in our YPWW, my young niece asked a most interesting question. She wanted to know why some of the Saints who were Baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost in Acts 2:4, were later filled with the Holy Ghost in Acts 4:31. Peter and John were in this group. Acts 4:31 reads: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Years earlier I had pondered over these fillings also until the Lord revealed the meaning to me. First, The Holy Ghost comes to abide or stay, live within us. He does not go off on visits and then return. St. John 14:16 states: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." I Corinthians 3:16 reads: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Therefore the Holy Ghost does not leave and when the anointing or power is needed, return.

Secondly, You cannot use Him up as gasoline and have to be refilled. He is a Spirit, the very Spirit of God. He does not come in parts, nor is he used up in parts. He takes up his residence in the believer to empower him for the service of the Lord. Please note the word filled, not refilled is used concerning the Holy Ghost in the believer.

One baptism and many fillings is an expression used by the Saints. It is a true saying. The Holy Ghost comes upon us, submerges us in Himself, then enters in to take up His residence. This initial work is the baptism. Once this is received, future acts of the Spirit upon the believer is referred to as fillings.

Why is the Holy Ghost given to us? For what purpose? Is it just to speak in tongues and dance? As wonderful as these are there are other reasons. The Holy Ghost takes up His residence in us to take over and perform in us that that God desires. He is our interpreter of heavenly things, I Corinthians 2:13; He is a teacher, John 14:26; a guide, John 16:13; a leader, Romans 8:14; chooses our spiritual vocations and fields of operations, Acts 13:2; 16:6; Controls actions of believers, Acts 10:19; Giveth spiritual life, Romans 8:11; He is a comforter, John 15:26; a spiritual gift giver, I Corinthians 12:7-11; He is the executor of the trinity, therefore, carrying out many operations too numerous to mention. He teaches us how to pray and what to pray for, so you see how essential it is for us to have this constant Companion.

What then is meant by many fillings? In our explaining this to my niece in service, my nephew brought forth a very good example.

When driving an automobile, there are times when in passing or whatever, more speed is needed. As you depress the gas pedal, you can feel the shift or change of speed. More power is needed. There are times the Holy Ghost speaks softly to us; we are aware that it is He, yet, we may not feel a great stirring or anointing. Then there are times such as expounding the word of God, or praying for the sick we feel a great stirring or anointing within us. The Holy Ghost is arising within us to meet the occasion. He fills our very being, we feel Him in our hands, feet, our whole body. At times He fills us in praising God, we clap, dance and sing. Whenever there is a need, we feel Him moving and filling us. This comes from within. I John 2:27 reads: "But the anointing which

ye have received of Him (God, the Father) abideth in you..."

Whenever we read of a filling in the new testament, it is followed by some spiritual work or act, such as in Acts 4:31, "...They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:8 reads: "Then Peter filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them..." (he was empowered to preach). Acts 13:9 states: "Then Saul (who also is called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost set his eyes on him" (the sorcerer whom Paul placed a season of blindness on). Acts 7:55 reads: "And he, (Stephen) being full of the Holy Ghost, looked stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." Sometimes He fills us just to let us know we are loved and He is pleased with works as in Acts. At times we feel that stirring within us as He communes with us, relaying to us that that He has received from the Lord.

The more we come under the domination of the Holy Ghost, the more obedient we are, the more He reveals Himself to us and the more He empowers us. We become men and women full of, or dominated by, the Holy Ghost. He possesses us, not we Him. Acts 6:3 states: "Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost..."

In conclusion may I repeat that the fillings come from the Spirit of God within us, arising and filling us to comfort or empower us to perform some work or action for the Lord. May this blessed Spirit of God ever live within us; may we be fit temples for His inhabitance.

Mary Lou Parker,
Greater Faith Tabernacle
COGIC
Mt. Vernon, Ill.

HISTORICAL CHURCH BURNED



A three alarm answered the call of a concerned neighbor on the night of July 27, 1984, when

Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas,

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OBITUARY ELDER HAROLD CONEDY, JR.

In the passing of Elder Harold Conedy, Jr., our church has lost a dedicated leader, faithful minister and loving friend.

Harold taught and lived the life of a caring person. He was a giver!

Elder Harold Conedy, Jr., was born on April 29, 1936, in Elizabeth, Louisiana, the first son born of seven children, to the late Bishop and Mrs. Harold Conedy, Sr.

Harold was raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord and he received Christ at an early age.

In the late 1940's, the family relocated in Los Angeles, California, where his father founded the Palm Lane Church of God in Christ.

Harold, Jr., attended Compton High School and Compton Junior college, where he starred in football and basketball.

Eventually his athletic talents afforded him a career as a professional football player.

Although Harold received many awards and trophies as a professional athlete, the Lord had a greater calling.

In 1962, the Lord impressed young Harold to take a more active role in the church which eventually led to his calling into the Ministry.

His first sermon preached was entitled, "Prepare to Meet God", found in Amos 4:12.

On October 25, 1964, the late Bishop Samuel Crouch, installed Elder Harold Conedy, Jr., as pastor of the Palm Lane Church of God in Christ; a position he would hold for the next 20-years.

Even in the Midst of adversity, due to his deep devotion, personal sacrifices and unyielding commitment, the church and his ministry continued to flourish.

In January 1970, Elder Conedy was appointed as Superintendent of Palm Lane District.

In 1972, he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Trinity Hall College. In later years, he was elevated to the Assistant Administrator to Bishop I. F. Rowe in the West Indies, Jamaica Jurisdiction. Harold felt that a true servant of God must serve the community as well as the church. He was actively involved in several community programs, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Watts Health Foundation.

On June 14, 1985, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Harold Conedy, Jr., went home to be with the Lord. He was "Faithful unto Death."

Although frail and weak in his body, Elder Conedy led his final Pastoral Prayer on Sunday, June 9, 1985, to his Palm Lane Family.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, "Naddie"; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Harold, III, Mitchell, Victor and Gail, currently residing in Germany.

Two sisters, Jean Pitts and Joyce Conedy; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Eric, Gerald, and Regina, Clifford, and Janice of Las Vegas, Nevada; Chris and Leah, also of Las Vegas; uncles, aunts, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

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November 13 and 14 the General Assembly will convene its annual session with capable Chairman L. E. Willis, presiding.

A new Official Directory has been compiled by the Office of the General Secretary and will be available along with Official Copies of the General Assembly Minutes. Jurisdictions which have not submitted current rolls will please do so during this meeting so that we may, correct our records accordingly.

May God bless you as we come together for this celebrated occasion.

Bishop G. R. Ross
General Secretary

DEBORAH MASON PATTERSON MEMORIAL CONCERT

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benefit Saints Center and is presented by the Historical Museum and Fine Arts Center. Hoping to give every saint a chance to participate in this memorial activity, the concert committee is offering sponsorships at \$10 each. Each person who is a sponsor will automatically gain admission to the concert, and each sponsor's name will be listed in the beautiful souvenir program booklet. All sponsors will become members of the Historical Museum and Fine Arts Center Booster Club.

In addition, there will be a special section in the booklet to list names of groups and individuals who wish to be Patrons of the Arts. These patrons will have made contributions of \$100 or more in memory of Mother Patterson. Please note that all gifts from sponsors and patrons must be in the Saints Center office no later than Friday, October 11, if they are to be included in the souvenir booklet.

Address your mail for this occasion to the Historical Museum and Fine Arts Center, P. O. Box 320 Memphis, Tennessee 38101. Checks should be made payable to Deborah Mason Patterson Memorial Fund. For more information call (901) 525-2507

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A HISTORICAL CHURCH BURNED

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where Elder T. D. Daniels is pastor. Elder received a phone call around 2:00 a.m., and arrived at the church in time to see the building in flames. Firemen battled to save the building, but the blazes leaped higher and higher, soon the roof caved in leaving the church and all contents destroyed. The fire was ruled by Dallas Fire Department to have been started by arsonist. Several members of the church, the Assistant Pastor, Elder Joseph Jackson was awakened to the sad news and many came to see the sight for themselves. Mixed emotions filled the air stood and watched the feelings of grief, sadness and disgust with shedding of tears wondering why must this happen. One particular member, Mother Phoebe Craven was heavily grieved to see this happen, for she was one in the number when Bishop E. M. Page led the congregation into this edifice in 1928. She was also in the last service held the night the church burned.

Page's Temple Church of God in Christ is a historical church and will always be remembered in the hearts of many. In 1914, the Lord spoke to Bishop E. M. Page while in prayer and said, "I want you to go to Texas." This call was confirmed when the Spirit revealed to Bishop C. H. Mason. He said to him, "Son, the Lord wants you to go to Texas." He moved to Texas and was appointed pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, located then on Cochran Street in Dallas. The Lord blessed his labor there and in

BOOKSTORE CELEBRATES 12TH ANNIVERSARY

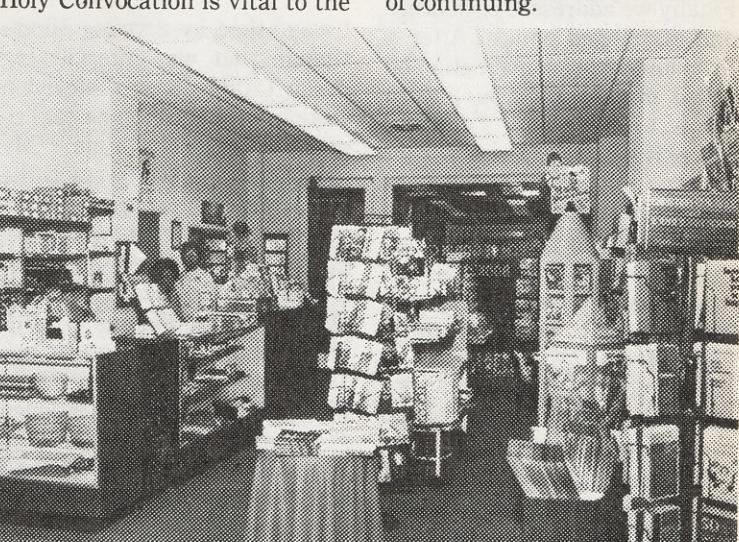
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as her necessary contribution to the ministry. Sister Miller has witnessed a bookstore with no inventory to what is currently there. She even has original COGIC materials like the Yes Lord Hymnal and COGIC doctrinal manual on hand.

The actual store was housed in the space now occupied by the Cultural Heritage Museum. Presently, the bookstore sets on the north corner of the headquarters building at Main and Linden streets. During the convocation, Sister Miller sees a welcome sight-the saints crowding the store. The business during the Holy Convocation is vital to the

store's continued success. Sister Miller reflects "the saints have been loyal to the bookstore. Certainly, that bookstore belongs to the saints."

This year, while you visit Memphis, go by the bookstore and say hello to Sister Miller, Sharon and staff. Tell them congratulations on being in business twelve years. Why all the attention over year 12? Only real saints know that answer. Didn't Jesus say at 12 years old, "I must be about my Father's business?" Didn't Jesus have 12 disciples? After twelve years, Sister Miller is excited about the bookstore ministry and has every intention of continuing.



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